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WOMAN SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT FROM GILA RIVER INDIAN TRIBE

PHOENIX – Sheila Marie Dryden (formerly Sheila Marie Isabell), 54, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was sentenced here to five months in prison and five months home detention by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia after Dryden pleaded guilty on February 20, 2007, to Embezzlement from an Indian Tribal Organization. Dryden was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$96,253.

Dryden, as pastor of the Siloam Indian Baptist Church, had applied to the Gila River Indian Tribe for a grant to construct a community building for the Gila River Indian Tribe. After the Gila River Indian Tribe issued a check to the Siloam Indian Baptist Church in the amount of \$122,946 for the community building, Dryden and her now ex-husband, Timothy Isabell, withdrew funds from the Church's bank account and used \$96,253 for personal expenditures between April 1, 2001, and May 2, 2001.

Timothy Isabell was also indicted for Embezzlement from Indian Tribal Organizations, pleaded guilty and was sentenced in federal court in Phoenix on September 25, 2006. Timothy Isabell was sentenced to three months in prison and three months home detention and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$96,253.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by John R. Lopez IV and John J. Tuchi, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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